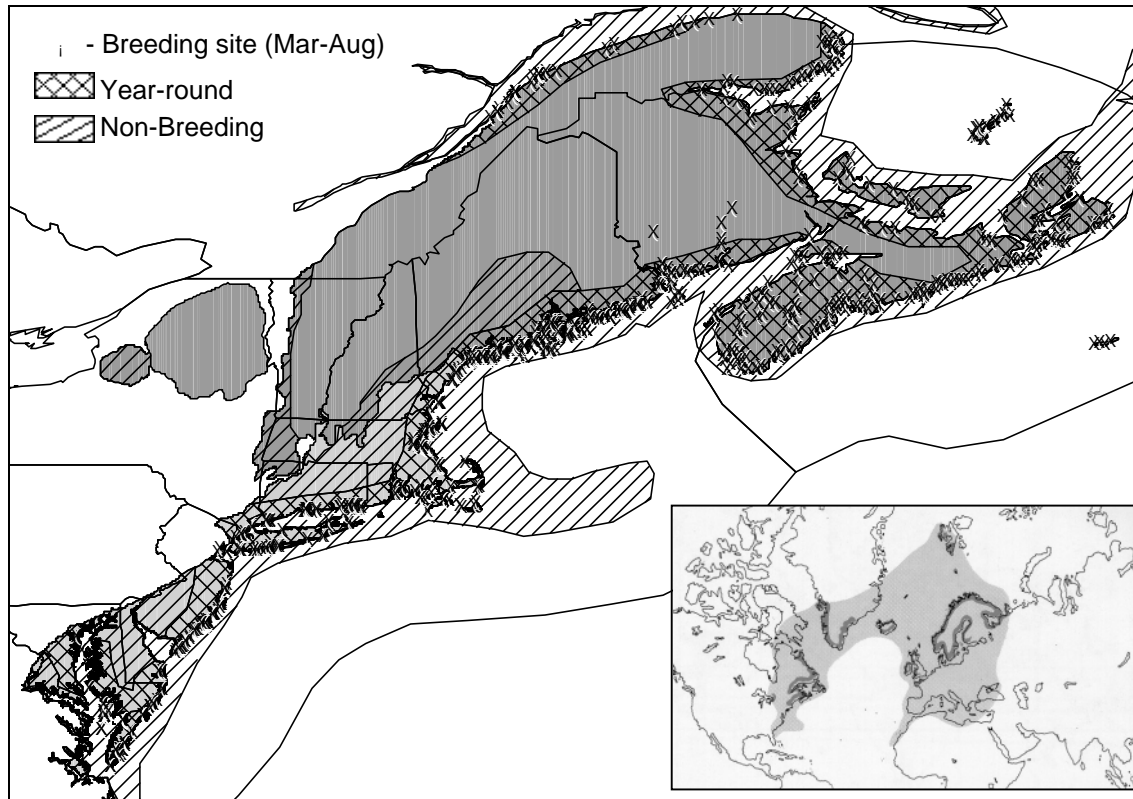


# GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL

*Larus marinus*



## Regional Occurrence (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds and winters in region
- Habitats used: seacoasts, large inland bodies of water; nesting on rocky coasts and islands

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=2

## Regional Abundance

- 1990s population: US—70,228 (437 colonies); CAN—80,500
- 1970s population: US—50,649 (432 colonies)
- 38.7% increase in regional population

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=2

## Regional Threats

- Human disturbance at colonies can cause interruption of incubation
- Collisions with aircraft near airports (has been necessary to shoot individuals in NY to prevent this problem)
- Oil contamination leads to reduced hatching success, especially when plumage around brood patch is affected

NAWCP TB=2; NAWCP TN=2

## Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
625,000 – 715,000t	160,430b	105,744b	44,984b	2,851b	25,434b	41,943b	80,500b
IUCN- Not Evaluated	NAWCP- Not currently at risk (PI>50%)	Low (PI=66%)	Not at risk (PI=28%)	NJ- S5B, S5N; DE-S1B, S5N MD-S4B, S4N; VA-S4	NY-S3; CT-S5; RI-S2B, SZN; MA-S4; VT-S1B,S5N	MA-S4; NH-S5; ME-S5B, S5N; NB-S5B, S5N NS- S5B	QC- S5; NB- S5B, S5N PE-S4B; NS- S5B

**Conservation Needs:** *Sustainability:* 1.4 fledglings / nest; *Foraging Habitat:* up to 100 km from colony; typically within 20km; varies with food taken; rocky shores, low intertidal and shallow subtidal, mudflats, at sea around submarine features; *Issues:* Species is subject to population control, especially when located near airports; Single nesting pair can exclude tern nesting colony; *Needs:* monitor, manage on site basis for conflicts with other nesting species, conflicts with public; *Population Goals:* maintain (below maximum), target 134,300-164,100b; *Habitat Goals:*